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SUBJ: SENATOR PERCY'S CALL ON AFGHANS IN NEPAL

REF: KATHMANDU 950

1. SUBJECT CONCURRENCE OF DEPARTMENT, SUGGEST SENATOR PERCY ADVISE AFGHAN DELEGATION WHICH IS HEADED BY MOHAMMAD NAIM (PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER AND AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR) THAT USG IS WATCHING SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN CLOSELY AND HOPES GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) WILL EXERCISE STATESMANSHIP DURING PRESENT DIFFICULT PERIOD.
  2. SENATOR MIGHT POINT OUT THAT U.S. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TALKING TO GOA REGULARLY AND URGING RESTRAINT, DEPLORING VIOLENCE AND EXPRESSING HOPE FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 15. UNFORTUNATELY THE SHERPAO ASSASSINATION SEEMS TO HAVE STALLED THIS INITIATIVE FOR NOW.
  3. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD WILL BE PROVIDING SENATOR THEIR ESTIMATE OF INTERNAL SITUATION IN PAKISTAN, ESPECIALLY USEFUL MIGHT BE APPRAISAL OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S LATEST VIEWS ON HANDLING OPPOSITION PARTIES AND ON GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN'S (GOP) INCLINATION TO AFFIX SOME OR ALL OF BLAME ON GOA
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FOR SHERPAO DEATH AND FOR ALLEGED SUBVERSION IN NORTHWEST

FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP) DIRECTED FROM AFGHANISTAN. OUR PERSPECTIVE FROM KABUL IS THAT GOA DOES NOT WANT TO PRECIPITATE A MILITARY OF POLITICAL CRISIS WITH PAKISTAN BUT IS FEELING PRESSURE FROM GOA'S PUSHTU "COUSINS" TO MAKE DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR "PUSHTUNISTAN CAUSE". THUS, LEVEL OF INVECTIVE DIRECTED AGAINST GOP FROM RADIO KABUL AND OTHER AFGHAN MEDIA HAS RISEN SHARPLY IN LAST TEN DAYS.

4. ALSO, GOA HAS PERMITTED PUSHTUN LEADER IN EXILE, AJMAL KHATTAK TO CIRCULATE IN KABUL UTTERING VAGUE NOISES ABOUT POSSIBLE NEED FOR "DIRECT ACTION" IN NWFP.

5. SENATOR MAY WISH TO URGE GOA TO TAKE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE LEVEL OF VIOLENT PROPAGANDA AND TO AVOID ANY STEPS SUCH AS "UNLEASHING KHATTAK IN NWFP". LATTER STEP WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE ANEGATIVE IMPACT ON AFGHAN/PAK EQUATION.

6. WITH REGARD GENERAL AFGHAN/US RELATIONS THEY ARE GOOD. WE NOTED ESPECIALLY AN IMPROVEMENT FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STOP IN KABUL NOVEMBER 1, 1974. (SINCE MR NAIM HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH SECRETARY, SENATOR MAY WISH TO UNDERLINE HOW WELL THE CONVERSATIONS WENT). AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER VISITED KABUL IN JANUARY 1975. THEIR TALKS HERE CONSOLIDATED A REEVALUATION AND REDIRECTION OF US AND PROGRAM IN LINE WITH CONGRESSIONAL WISHES EXPRESSED IN NEW LEGISLATION FOR AID. NEW DIRECTIONS INCLUDE EMPHASIS ON RURAL WORKS, HEALTH/FAMILY PLANNNNG AND BASIC EDUCATION. WE HAVE ALSO AGREED TO HELP GOA REVIEW NEEDS IN HELMAND VALLEY -- ESPECIALLY WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING LONG-TERM CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT COULD BE FINANCED BY OIL-PRODUCING STATES.

7. FERTILIZER: NO REPEAT NO SERIOUS FERTILIZER DEFICIENCIES EXIST AT PRESENT. GOA RECENTLY PURCHASED 10,000 TONS DIAMMONIUM PHOSPATE (DAP) FROM US AS PART OF USAID LOAN. FURTHER \$8 MILLION LOAN FROM USAID FOR DAP CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDER- ATION IN WASHINGTON AND APPROVAL EXPECTED. THIS \$8 MILLION  
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WOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH DAP TO CARRY AFGHANISTAN THROUGH SPRING OF 1976. GOA'S ENTIRE UREA REQUIREMENT CAN BE SUPPLIED BY MAZAR-I-SHARIF UREA PLANT FOR NEXT THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

8. REFTTEL CORRECT IN CITING AFGHAN RELIANCE ON USSR TECHNOLOGY FOR UREA SUPPLY. PLANT IN MAZAR-I-SHARIF HAS 500 SOVIET TECHNICIANS AND ONLY 50 AFGHAN EMPLOYEES. IN ADDITION, SOVIET TECHNOLOGY HAS DEVELOPED NATURAL

GAS FIELDS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN. NATURAL GAS PIPED  
TO UREA PLANT MAKES PRODUCTION THIS FERTILIZER POSSIBLE.

9. IN SUMMARY, CURRENT FERTILIZER SUPPLY SITUATION  
GOOD. 1975 DAP CONSUMPTION EXPECTED TO BE 25,000 TONS.  
WITH ABUNDANCE OF UREA, GOA PLANS TO CHANGE RECOMMENDED  
MIX OF UREA AND DAP TO INCREASE PROPORTION OF UREA.  
THUS DAP CONSUMPTION EXPECTED TO LEVEL OFF OR DECLINE  
SOMEWHAT IN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS DESPITE INCREASED  
FERTILIZER UYI BY FARMERS.

10. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO COMMENT/SUPPLEMENT  
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